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LUMBER, STEEL AND BRICK TRUSTS TO AID OF BUILDING TRADE BOSSES

*Threaten to Boycott All Contractors Who Have Refused
To Obey Order of Inner Circle to Lock Out Men.*

In an effort to break forever the Building Trades Council of Chicago, the Steel, Lumber and Brick Trusts are preparing to freeze out all employing contractors who refuse to obey the lockout order of the inner circle of the Building and Construction Employers' Association.

This action is being taken by the three big construction supplying trusts because up to date the lockout ordered by the inner circle of the Chicago bosses has been an utter fizzle.

There are four hundred and ninety-seven members of the Building and Construction Employers' Association, which is supposed to represent the employers in every building trade.

As a matter of fact, however, the association long has been ruled by the clique or inner circle composed of the few members of the executive council.

This clique long has been determined to break the building trades unions of Chicago, and for the last two years has been biding its time for a great lockout.

The inner circle knew that in ordering the lockout it would be supported by the immense capital represented by the Lumber, Steel and Brick Trusts.

Last week, the inner circle of the bosses' association thought it saw a favorable opportunity, and ordered the four hundred and ninety-seven employers in the association to lock out all their building trades employees within the next forty-eight hours.

The order came as an utter sur-

prise to the majority of the employers, who were on excellent terms with their men and had had no thought of a lockout.

The result was that of the four hundred and ninety-seven ordered to lockout their employers only two hundred and fifteen even took the trouble to answer the letter from the inner circle of the bosses' association which transmitted the order.

And not all of the two hundred and fifteen answered that they would do as they were told. Some mildly remarked that they thought they